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ASSUMING THE MANTLE OF "PROTECTOR OF MUTANTKIND" ONCE MORE, MAGNETO HAS TAKEN TO WORKING AS A LONE VIGILANTE, EXACTING REVENGE ON THE PERPETRATORS OF ANTI-MUTANT CRIMES.

MAGNETO HAS DEDICATED HIS LIFE TO ENSURING A FUTURE FOR MUTANTS, BUT IN DOING SO HE HAS FOUND HIMSELF ESTRANGED FROM THOSE HE CARES FOR MOST, SETTING HIM APART EVEN FROM HIS DAUGHTER, LORNA DANE, THE MUTANT KNOWN AS POLARIS.

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I GUESS...

...THE *TIMING* NEVER WORKED OUT FOR US...

...DID IT?

NO, LORNA.

IT DID NOT.

AND THAT IS...

...MY *FAULT.*

DADS AND DAUGHTERS.

YOU THINK ANY OF THEM EVER REALLY GET IT *RIGHT?*

I *CANNOT IMAGINE* THAT ANY OF THEM EVER DO.

YEAH.

YOU REALLY WEREN'T CUT OUT FOR *PARENTING.*

YOU KIND OF *SUCK* AT IT.

GIVEN THE *CHANCE...*

...I WOULD HAVE DONE THINGS *DIFFERENTLY.*

NO...

...YOU *WOULDN'T.*

WE CAN'T CHANGE THE *PAST.*

IF THINGS *WERE* DIFFERENT... WE *MIGHT* HAVE BEEN ABLE TO CARVE OUT A *DIFFERENT FUTURE.*

BUT EITHER WAY...

...I'M GLAD WE GOT TO DO THIS...

...TO *TALK--*

--HERE AT THE *END OF THE WORLD.*

IN LESS THAN AN HOUR, OUR EARTH WILL COLLIDE WITH ITS *TWIN* FROM *ANOTHER REALITY.*

WHEN THAT HAPPENS, OUR WORLD...

...OUR *UNIVERSE...*

...WILL BE *NO MORE.*

AND THE *OTHER* UNIVERSE WILL SUFFER THE SAME FATE.

THE EVENT IS CALLED AN *INCURSION.*

AND I PLAN TO *STOP* IT.

MAGNETO...

...UH...

...DAD?

YOU'RE *SURE* YOU CAN DO THIS?

EVERYTHING I'VE DONE...

...ALL THOSE *TERRIBLE* THINGS...

...THE *PAIN* I'VE INFLICTED...

...ON *OTHERS*...

...ON *YOU*...

...WAS TO MAKE THE WORLD A *BETTER PLACE* FOR MUTANTS.

WHEN PEOPLE LOOK BACK AT MY ACTIONS...

...THROUGH THE LENS OF TIME...

...I WANT THEM TO SEE THAT I WAS *RIGHT*.

I WANTED MUTANTS TO *RULE.*

NOW...

...I JUST WANT THEM TO *SURVIVE.*

IF YOU DO THIS...

...IT WILL *KILL* YOU.

YOU! YOU'RE *MAGNETO!*

PLEASE!

CAN'T YOU *HELP* US?

CAN'T YOU *SAVE* US?

IF THAT IS THE PRICE I MUST PAY...

"...THEN I'LL DIE."

MAGNETO'S FORMER ISLAND HEADQUARTERS. YEARS AGO.

I AM--

NAMOR THE SUB-MARINER

KING OF ATLANTIS!

WELCOME TO MY ISLAND, KING NAMOR.

I AM CALLED *MAGNETO!*

IT PLEASES ME TO FINALLY MAKE YOUR ACQUAINTANCE.

I ADMIT...

...I WAS *CURIOUS...*

...TO SEE WHO WOULD BE SO *DARING...*

...OR SO *FOOLISH...*

...AS TO *SUMMON* ME.

IT IS A *COMMON ENEMY* THAT *EMBOLDENS* ME, SUB-MARINER.

YOU LOATHE THE PEOPLE OF THE *SURFACE WORLD.*

AND I FEEL THE SAME ABOUT THE *HOMO SAPIENS* WHO WOULD DO HARM TO MUTANTKIND.

SURELY IF THEY KNEW OF THIS MEETING...

...THEY WOULD SEND THEIR AGENTS TO *DESTROY* US.

AND THEY WOULD *FAIL.*

THE MIGHT OF NAMOR WOULD BE TOO *GREAT* FOR THEM.

THE *COMBINED* MIGHT OF NAMOR AND MAGNETO.

YES, YES.

I'M SURE YOU MIGHT FIND SOME WAY TO *ASSIST* HERE OR THERE.

THE *POWER OF MAGNETISM* IS AT MY DISPOSAL.

I CAN BEND THE *PRIMAL FORCES* OF THE EARTH ITSELF TO MY LIKING.

DO NOT *UNDERESTIMATE* MY STRENGTH.

IT'S *IMPOSSIBLE* FOR ME TO UNDERESTIMATE YOU.

I DO NOT EVEN WASTE MY MOST *FLEETING* THOUGHT ON YOU.

YOUR ***BLUSTER*** IS NOT NECESSARY, KING NAMOR.

YOU WOULDN'T HAVE COME HERE UNLESS YOU THOUGHT THERE WOULD BE ***VALUE*** IN OUR MEETING...

...NOR WOULD I HAVE PUT FORTH THE ***INVITATION*** IF I DID NOT THINK YOU COULD ***HELP*** MY CAUSE.

LIKE ME...

...YOU ARE A ***MUTANT***...

...AND WHEN THE SURFACE WORLD LEARNS OF THIS, THEY WILL HAVE EVEN ***MORE*** REASON TO ***HATE*** YOU.

JOIN ME.

JOIN MY BROTHERHOOD OF MUTANTS.

TOGETHER, WE CAN ***CONQUER*** OUR ENEMIES...

...AND RULE THE SURFACE AND THE SEAS!

ENOUGH!

NONE SPEAK IN MY PRESENCE WITHOUT FIRST BEING ***RECOGNIZED.***

I HAVE ***AFFORDED*** YOU MORE ATTENTION THAN YOU ***DESERVE!***

I HAVE NOTHING TO FEAR FROM THE SURFACE WORLD.

THEIR HATRED IS OF NO CONCERN!

BY THE TIME THEY DISCOVER A WAY TO ***HARNESS*** SUCH HATE...

"...THEIR *CIVILIZATION* WILL BE NAUGHT BUT *DUST!*"

ARE

BEFORE YOU DO THIS...

...I SHOULD TELL YOU...

...WHAT YOU WERE DOING ON *GENOSHA*...

...I WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE SEEN WHERE THAT WENT THIS TIME.

YOU *STILL* CAN.

CRASH

SMASH

FOR SO LONG, I SOUGHT TO DEPOSE HOMO SAPIENS AS THE RULERS OF THE EARTH.

MUTANTS, AFTER ALL, WERE THE NEXT LOGICAL STEP IN *DOMINANT LIFE.*

BUT NOW...

...IN ORDER TO SAVE MY PEOPLE...

...I MUST FIGHT NOT ONLY FOR *MUTANTS*...

...BUT FOR *HOMO SAPIENS* AS WELL.

THIS IS *UNFAMILIAR TERRITORY* FOR US ALL.

FOR *POLARIS*, IT MIGHT FEEL AS IF SHE IS LOOKING AT HER FATHER FOR THE *FIRST TIME*.

FOR THE *MARAUDERS*...

...THE WORLD MIGHT FEEL AS IF IT HAS BEEN TURNED *UPSIDE DOWN*.

THEY ARE CONDITIONED TO WREAK *HAVOC*...

...TO *TERRIFY*...

...TO *KILL*...

...BUT NOW THEY FIND THEMSELVES *RESCUING* OTHERS.

ADMIT IT, *MALICE*...

...YOU'VE *MISSED* THIS!

RIPTIDE... IT TAKES *EVERYTHING* I'VE GOT TO KEEP FROM TEARING YOU IN HALF.

CALLING ME "MALICE" DOESN'T DO *ANYTHING* TO *STRENGTHEN* MY RESOLVE.

DEEP DOWN...

...THEY ALL *KNOW* WHAT LIES AHEAD.

I AM *SAVING* THESE *PEOPLE.*

I AM *SAVING* THIS *WORLD.*

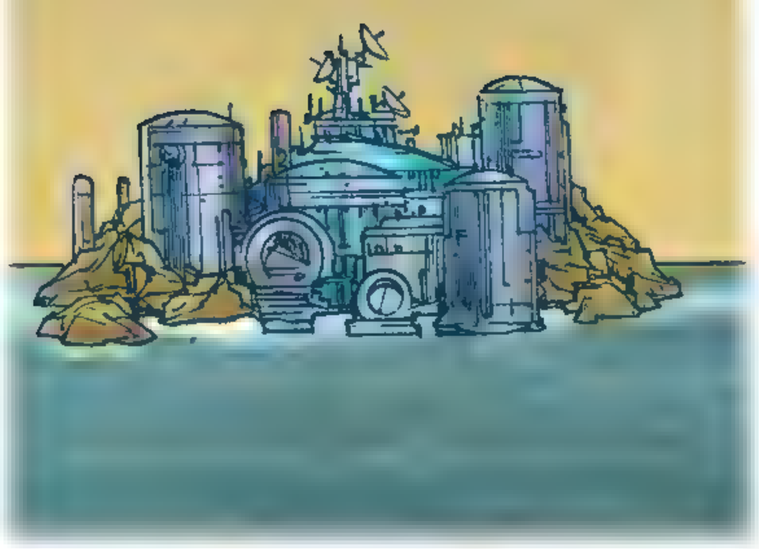
BUT THAT MEANS RETURNING TO METHODS WITH WHICH I AM *NOT UNACCUSTOMED.*

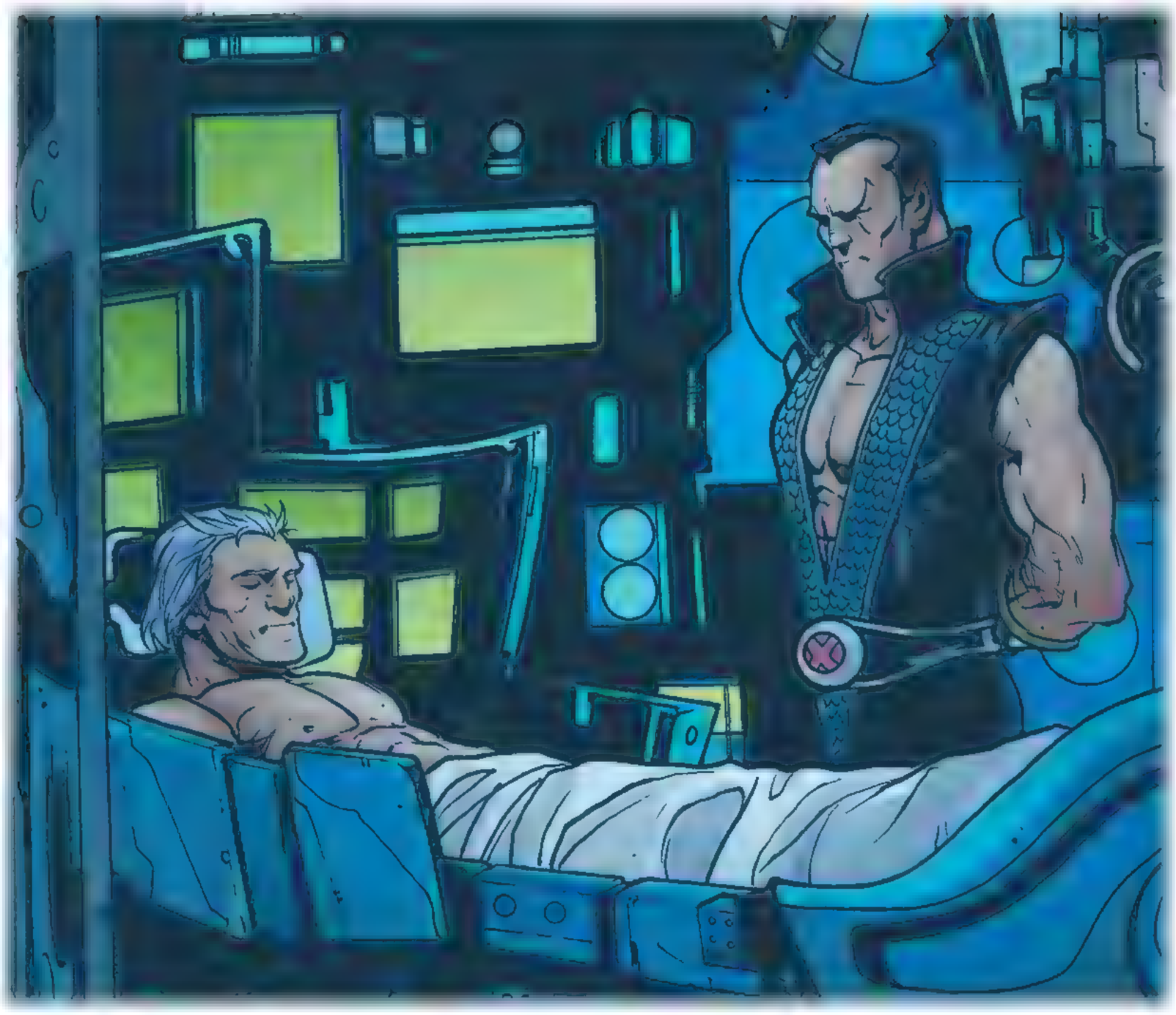
IT MEANS ONCE MORE WALKING THE PATH THAT HAS SHAPED MY LIFE TO THIS POINT.

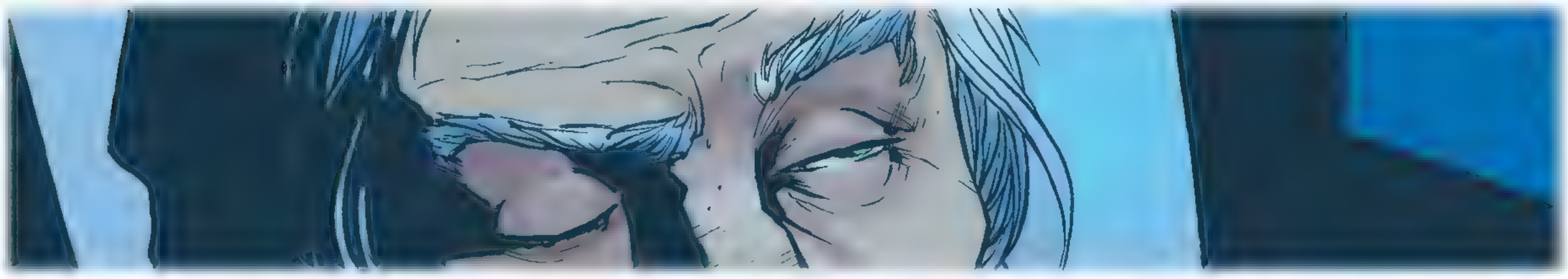
TO BECOME THE *SAVIOR* OF ONE WORLD...

...I MUST BECOME THE *DESTROYER* OF ANOTHER.

UTOPIA. FORMER HOME OF THE X-MEN. MONTHS AGO.







I AM THE KING OF ATLANTIS.
IF I TAKE THE TIME TO OBSERVE ANOTHER AT REST...
...IT IS ONLY TO WONDER *WHY* THEY DO NOT HAVE SOMETHING *BETTER* TO DO.

DO YOU KNOW WHAT IS GOING ON OUT IN THE WORLD, MAGNETO?

THE GIRL...

...HOPE...

...HAS RETURNED.

I'VE MET HER...

...AND AS MUCH AS WE WANT THAT TO MEAN SOMETHING--

MUTANTS ARE STILL *UNDER ATTACK.*

X-MEN ARE *DYING.*

AND YOU THINK I'M NOT DOING *ENOUGH?*

OF EVERYONE HERE...

...YOU *ARE...*

...OR AT LEAST YOU *WERE...*

...THE MAN MOST *WORTHY* OF MY *RESPECT.*

YOU TELL ME...

...*ARE* YOU DOING ENOUGH?

I AM NOT IN THIS INFIRMARY BECAUSE I *LIKE* IT.

I'M *SPENT.*

I USED MY POWERS IN SUCH A WAY THAT IT ALMOST *KILLED* ME.

IF YOU THINK--

I THINK YOU'RE *MAGNETO...*

"...AND MAGNETO WOULD *FIND* A WAY TO HELP HIS PEOPLE."

THERE! THERE HE IS!

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT?

OH... MY GOD!

SO MUCH *POWER!*

HE LOOKS LIKE AN *ANGEL!*

IT'S *RADIATING* FROM HIM--THE *POWER!*

I CAN FEEL IT!

RIGHT DOWN IN MY *BONES!*

SO *BEAUTIFUL!*

WASHING OVER ME!

MAJESTIC-- THAT'S THE ONLY WORD!

LOOK OUT!

--CAUGHT IT LIKE IT WEIGHED *NOTHING!*

WE'RE NOTHING!

HE COULD *CRUSH* US WITHOUT EVEN--

THOOM

DID YOU SEE?

IT ALMOST LANDED RIGHT ON TOP OF US!

I CAN STILL FEEL HIS POWER RIPPLING OFF OF IT!

WHAT'S *WRONG* WITH THEM?

WHY DON'T THEY *RUN?*

THEY KNOW THERE'S *NO POINT.*

IF I *FAIL,* THE WORLD *ENDS* ANYWAY.

IF THEY GET CRUSHED...

...THEY WON'T SURVIVE LONG ENOUGH TO SEE YOU *SAVE* THE WORLD.

THAT'S *NOT* WHY THEY'RE *WATCHING.*

"THEY DON'T WANT TO SEE ME *SAVE* ANYTHING.

"THEY WANT TO SEE ME *EXTINGUISH* AN *ENTIRE PLANET.*"

GENOSHA. WEEKS AGO.

THIS IS *EVERYTHING.*

ALL OUR DATA ON THE *INCURSIONS.*

DETAILED REPORTS ON THOSE THAT HAVE OCCURRED...

...AND HOW WE STOPPED THEM...

...AS WELL AS PROJECTIONS ON INCURSIONS TO COME.

HMM.

IT FEELS SO MUCH *HEAVIER* THAN I EXPECTED.

THIS *ILLUMINATI* OF YOURS HAS KEPT ITSELF *SECRET* FOR SO LONG.

YOU'VE KEPT THESE INCURSIONS A SECRET.

I'M NOT SURE *WHY* YOU'RE TELLING *ME* THIS.

ESPECIALLY *NOW*...WHEN I'M NOT STRONG ENOUGH TO HELP.

HA!

THAT OLD CHESTNUT AGAIN?

ERIK...

...MAGNETO...

...YOU ARE THE *ONLY* PERSON I WOULD TRUST TO *FINISH* THIS TASK.

ONE DAY...THE SKY WILL RIP ITSELF OPEN...

...AND ANOTHER WORLD WILL COME TO DESTROY OURS.

IF I CANNOT STOP IT...THEN IT FALLS TO *YOU.*

THAT'S IF *I* CANNOT STOP IT.

SO IT'S *DOUBTFUL* YOU'LL *EVER* NEED TO WORRY ABOUT IT.

I MUST MAKE *PREPARATIONS.*

IF THERE'S A CHANCE OF SUCCESS, I'LL NEED TO BE *STRONGER.*

STRONGER THAN *EVER* BEFORE.

I FIND IT HELPFUL TO PICTURE THESE OTHER WORLDS AS THE *ENEMIES OF ATLANTIS.*

PERHAPS THIS GRIM UNDERTAKING WILL BE MORE *PALATABLE...*

"...IF YOU PICTURE THE OTHER EARTH AS AN *ENEMY OF MUTANTKIND!*"

DO YOU THINK YOU CAN DO IT?

CAN YOU *REPEL* THE INCURSION?

I'M *SIPHONING* AS MUCH ENERGY AS *POSSIBLE* FROM THE EARTH ITSELF.

AND SOON, I'LL TAKE EVEN *MORE.*

ONCE I'M CLOSE ENOUGH...

...I'LL DRAW UPON THE MAGNETIC FORCES OF THE *OTHER* EARTH AS WELL.

I'LL *BURN OUT* QUICKLY...

...BUT I SHOULD HAVE *ENOUGH TIME* TO DO WHAT I *MUST!*

THE SUB-MARINER SUGGESTED THAT I SEE THIS OTHER WORLD AS THE *ENEMY* OF MY PEOPLE...

...AS A THING BENT ON *DESTROYING* WHAT I HOLD MOST DEAR...

...AS A *GENOCIDAL MONSTER...*

...AND IT JUST SO HAPPENS...

...THAT THE OTHER WORLD HAS MADE SUCH AN INTERPRETATION ALL THE *EASIER.*

ARE THOSE--

--*SENTINELS?!*

TO BE CONTINUED!

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